

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 2458

Introduced by Assembly Member Conway

February 24, 2012

An act to amend Section 680 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to healing arts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2458, as introduced, Conway. Healing arts: health care practitioners.

Existing law provides for the licensure and regulation of various health care practitioners. Existing law requires those health care practitioners to disclose their license status while working on a name tag in specified type, except as provided.

This bill would make technical, nonsubstantive changes to the provision regarding those disclosure requirements.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 680 of the Business and Professions Code
- 2 is amended to read:
- 3 680. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, a health
- 4 care practitioner shall disclose, while working, his or her name
- 5 and practitioner's license status, as granted by this state, on a name
- 6 tag in at least 18-point type. A health care practitioner in a practice
- 7 or an office, whose license is prominently displayed, may opt to
- 8 not wear a name tag. If a health care practitioner or a licensed

1 clinical social worker is working in a psychiatric setting or in a
2 setting that is not licensed by the state, the employing entity or
3 agency shall have the discretion to make an exception from the
4 name tag requirement for individual safety or therapeutic concerns.
5 In the interest of public safety and consumer awareness, it shall
6 be unlawful for any person to use the title “nurse” in reference to
7 himself or herself and in any capacity, except for an individual
8 who is a registered nurse or a licensed vocational nurse, or as
9 otherwise provided in Section 2800. Nothing in this section shall
10 prohibit a certified nurse assistant from using his or her title.

11 (b) Facilities licensed by the State Department of Social
12 Services, the State Department of Mental Health, or the State
13 Department of *Public Health Services* shall develop and implement
14 policies to ensure that health care practitioners providing care in
15 those facilities are in compliance with *the requirements of*
16 subdivision (a). The State Department of Social Services, the State
17 Department of Mental Health, and the State Department of *Public*
18 *Health Services* shall verify through periodic inspections that the
19 policies required pursuant to subdivision (a) have been developed
20 and implemented by the respective licensed facilities.

21 (c) For purposes of this article, “health care practitioner” means
22 any person who engages in acts that are the subject of licensure
23 or regulation under this division or under any initiative act referred
24 to in this division.